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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. October 10, 2017 – For the week ending October 8, 2017, drier conditions allowed producers to make good progress harvesting late-season crops, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Little to no rain was received across the State last week. The dry weather also allowed producers to do fall tillage work and spraying. Livestock producers continued to haul hay and chop corn for silage. Temperatures were variable as they averaged two to six degrees below normal in the west, while the east was two to six degrees above normal. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 25 short, 63 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 29 short, 55 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 6 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 6 excellent. Corn dented was 97 percent, near 100 last year and 99 for the five-year average. Mature was 62 percent, well behind 88 last year and 82 average. Harvested was 4 percent, behind 9 last year and 19 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 31 fair, 48 good, and 5 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 97 percent, near 99 last year and 98 average. Harvested was 44 percent, well behind 70 last year and 64 average.

Winter wheat planted was 80 percent, near 83 last year. Emerged was 56 percent, near 53 last year.

Sunflowers condition rated 8 percent very poor, 16 poor, 39 fair, 35 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflower bracts turning yellow was 98 percent, near 94 last year. Bracts turning brown was 81 percent, near 84 last year and 78 average. Harvested was 4 percent, behind 11 last year and 12 average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 86 percent, ahead of 75 last year.

Flaxseed harvested was 96 percent.

Potatoes vines dry was 98 percent. Harvested was 79 percent, ahead of 62 last year and 72 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 6 fair, 25 good, and 67 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 61 percent, ahead of 48 last year and 55 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 22 percent very poor, 30 poor, 33 fair, 14 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 17 percent very short, 33 short, 49 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:
<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-10-10-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>

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